

REMARKS

On April 29, 2004, Applicants filed a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") together with two submissions: a preliminary amendment and an information disclosure statement. By this paper, claims 44-47 are cancelled. These claims are being represented in related U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 10/684,294. In addition, another Information Disclosure Statement is being filed herewith to disclose U.S. Patent Appl. Ser. No. 2003/0234981A1. Applicants believe that all of the pending claims are believed allowable for at least similar reasons as in the prior Notice of Allowance.

AUTHORIZATION

No additional fees are believed due for this submissions. To the extent that any additional fees are required, Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to grant such petition, and hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees, including any fees which may be required for such petition, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500 (Order No. 1232-4756). **A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ENCLOSED.**

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